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Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 07303.0062

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Michael BINNARD et al.	)	Notice of Allowance dated: December 19,
	)	2003
Application No.: 09/929,025	)	
	)	Confirmation No. 3636
Filed: August 15, 2001	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2837
For: WAFER STAGE WITH	)	
MAGNETIC BEARINGS	)	Examiner: R. LEYKIN
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

Applicants have received the Notice of Allowance and attached Notice of Allowability dated December 19, 2003.


Applicants have claimed priority based on PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831. A copy of the Claim For Benefit of Earlier Application filed on December 14, 2001, a copy of executed Substitute Declarations filed on February 7, 2002 claiming the benefit of PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831 (as well as a copy of the date-stamped receipt card showing receipt of the executed Substitute Declarations by OIPE), and a printout of the Continuity Data page for this application from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office PAIR website indicating that this application is a Continuation-in-Part of PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831 are enclosed. To date, the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for priority.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) acknowledging receipt of the claim for priority.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER APPLICATION**

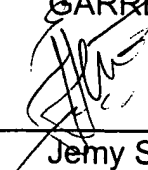
Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 78(a)(2), Applicants hereby claim the benefit of priority based on PCT Application Number PCT/US00/10831, filed April 21, 2000, with respect to the subject matter disclosed in the above identified United States Patent Application which is common to that PCT Application. This application is a continuation-in-part of the PCT application.

Respectfully submitted,

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